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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination are timely submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated January 19, 2006, and in response to the Final Office Action dated August 11, 2005. The Office Action has a shortened three-month statutory period for response, which is extended to Monday, February 13, 2006 with the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

No amendments are made herein to the Specification (other than in the claims) or the Drawings.

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Remarks begin on page 30 of this paper.

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